

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 5, 7 and 9-13 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrical inspection apparatus ~~that performs an electrical inspection using an inspection probe that is brought into contact with at least one surface of a printed board, said electrical inspection apparatus~~ comprising:

a reference position regulating member, which ~~that~~ is brought into contact with a first surface of ~~[[the]]~~ a printed board~~[[,]]~~ whereby the printed board is fixed so as to fix the printed board at a reference position ~~that is determined in advance in~~ with respect to a normal direction; ~~[[and]]~~

a pressing member, which ~~that~~ is brought into contact with a second surface of the printed board opposite to the first surface~~[[,]]~~ so that as to hold the printed board is held between at the reference position with the reference position regulating member and the pressing member~~[[,]]~~; and

at least one inspection probe that is brought into contact with the printed board, the apparatus being adapted such that the at least one inspection probe may be:

(a) brought into contact with the printed board so as to be arranged in a direction of said first surface of the printed board and guided by said reference position regulating member so as to contact with a prescribed position of said first surface of the printed board which differs from a first area in which said reference position regulating member is brought into contact with the printed board, and/or

~~wherein the inspection probe is~~ (b) brought into contact with the printed board so as to be arranged in a direction of said second surface of the printed board and

guided by said pressing member so as to contact with a prescribed portion position of
[[the]] said second surface of the printed board[[,]] which differs from a first second
area in which ~~the reference position regulating member~~ said pressing member is
brought into contact with the printed board ~~and a second area in which the pressing~~
~~member is brought into contact with the printed board.~~

2. (Original) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein the pressing member defines the reference position when it comes in contact
with the printed board that is regulated in position upon contact with the reference
position regulating member.

3. (Original) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein at least one absorbing member is arranged for either the reference position
regulating member or the pressing member.

4. (Original) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 3,
wherein the pressing member defines the reference position when it comes in contact
with the printed board that is regulated in position upon contact with the reference
position regulating member.

5. (Currently Amended) The electrical inspection apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein the at least one inspection probe is arranged in a direction

accompanied with either the reference position regulating member or the pressing member with respect to the printed board.

6. (Original) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the pressing member defines the reference position when it comes in contact with the printed board that is regulated in position upon contact with the reference position regulating member.

7. (Currently Amended) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said at least one inspection probe comprises a plurality of inspection probes [[are]] arranged relative to both of the reference position regulating member and the pressing member with respect to the printed board.

8. (Original) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the pressing member defines the reference position when it comes in contact with the printed board that is regulated in position upon contact with the reference position regulating member.

9. (Currently Amended) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein under a condition where the reference position regulating member is placed in contact with the first surface of the printed board, the at least one inspection probe is brought into contact with the second surface of the printed board at a position

that differs from a position at which the pressing member presses the second surface of the printed board within an area in which the pressing member is located opposite to the reference position regulating member with respect to the printed board, thus performing the electrical inspection.

10. (Currently Amended) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reference position regulating member has a through hole, so that under a condition where the pressing member presses the second surface of the printed board, the at least one inspection probe is brought into contact with the first surface of the printed board via the through hole, thus performing the electrical inspection.

11. (Currently Amended) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the reference position regulating member and the pressing member has a through hole, which allows the at least one inspection probe to penetrate therethrough and to come in contact with the printed board.

12. (Currently Amended) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the reference position regulating member and the pressing member has a cutout portion, which allows the at least one inspection probe to project therethrough and to come in contact with the printed board.

13. (Currently Amended) The electrical inspection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one inspection probe comprises a plurality of inspection probes, the apparatus further comprising at least one of an upper-side detector equipped with ~~[[an]]~~ a first of the plurality of inspection probe probes and a lower-side detector equipped with ~~[[an]]~~ a second of the plurality of inspection probe probes ,

wherein said upper-side detector comprises a lower surface that functions as the pressing member, and a hole having an opening on the lower surface in which the first inspection probe is installed to be retracted from the opening of the lower surface,

and wherein said lower-side detector comprises an upper surface that functions as the reference position regulating member, and a hole having an opening on the upper surface in which the second inspection probe is installed to be retracted from the opening of the upper surface.